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KOJIMA et al.

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For: THERMOPLASTIC ELASTOMER, COMPOSITION, GASKET, MOLDED GASKET
AND STRUCTURE FOR SEALING BETWEEN TWO MEMBERS

DECLARATION OF YOSHIFUMI KOJIMA

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Sir:

I, Yoshifumi Kojima, declare that:

1. I reside at 8-19 Haramachi, Isogo-ku, Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa-ken, 235-0008, Japan.
2. I have been employed as an engineer at the assignee of the captioned application, NOK Corporation, since April 1, 1986. I have worked in the area of material engineering.
3. I received a Bachelor degree in Industrial Chemistry from Meiji University, Japan, in March of 1986.
4. I have received over nine patents in my name in the field of material engineering.
5. I am one of the inventors of the subject matter of the captioned patent application and am familiar with the prosecution history of the captioned patent application.

6. I have reviewed the amendments to be made to the specification of the captioned application with respect to Japanese standards referred to in the specification. ASTM and ISO standards have been inserted in the specification to define the corresponding Japanese standards numbers. The amendatory material consists of the same corresponding standards as were referred to in the originally filed application.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code; and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Signed:

Yoshifumi Kojima
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Date:

April 23rd, 2008